

Faculty of International Economics and Administration
Department: Administration and Management
Professional area: Administration and Management
Major: Public Administration and Management – European Administration
Educational-and-qualification Degree: Master

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. Course unit title: European Cooperation and Territorial Integration
2. Course unit code: ADM 3016
3. Type of course unit: elective
4. Level of course unit: Master
5. Year of study: first
6. Semester: first
7. Number of ECTS credits allocated: 3
8. Name of lecturer: Assoc. Prof. Maria Velikova, PhD
9. Learning outcomes of the course unit: As a result of the course postgraduates will acquire:
 - **Theoretical knowledge** related to: territorial cooperation (TC) and integration in the context of EU regional policy; priority areas for TC of Bulgaria; the opportunities for development and implementation of projects on programs for TC - indicators of selection, criteria for evaluation; perspectives for the new programming period 2014-2020
 - Specific **practical skills**: to identify factors principles and initiatives for development and dynamization of the process of TC in specific territorial units; to apply the approaches, mechanisms and instruments of the EU in order to implement the TC by solving practical and applied case studies; to prepare the basic parameters of TC project proposals.
10. Mode of delivery: face-to-face
11. Prerequisites and co-requisites: postgraduates are required to have knowledge in the field of: Economics, Local Governance and Regional Development, Management, Law, EU policies.
12. Course contents: Nature and necessity of TC between regions and municipalities. Levels, thematic scope, specific functional areas. Genesis and development of European TC. Components of TC: cross-border, transnational, interregional. Legal and institutional framework for TC. Strategic and program documents of the EU regulating TC. European macro-regional strategies. European programs for TC (2007-2013). Strategy "Europe 2020" and TC programs. Perspectives for European TC and integration for the period 2014-2020 Bulgaria's participation in TC - directions, specific actions, results and initiatives, institutions and documents. Limiters, problems and challenges for Bulgaria in the TC and integration processes.
13. Recommended or required reading:
 - Бюлетин за програмите за териториално сътрудничество, МРРБ, септември, 2011, <http://www.mrrb.government.bg/index.php?lang=bg&do=actual&id=3024>
 - **Великова, М.**, Местно самоуправление и управление, регионализация, Университетско издателство на ВСУ „Черноризец Храбър”, В.,2008.
 - **Великова, М.**, Териториалното сътрудничество между общините в България като форма на интегрирано местно самоуправление. В: Сборник научни доклади от Юбилейна научна конференция с международно участие, УНСС, С., 2008.
 - Европейски опит и практики за междуобщинско сътрудничество. Резултати от проучване ролята на сдруженията на общините в България за насърчаване на

междубщинското сътрудничество, ФРМС Консулт, С., 2011
<http://www.mrrb.government.bg/index.php?lang=bg&do=atums&type=69&id=6>

- Стратегията на ЕС за Дунавския регион и преобразяването на България, МРРБ, 2011, http://www.mrrb.government.bg/index.php?lang=bg&do=reg_dev&type=75&id=22
 - Черноморско взаимодействие“ – нова инициатива за регионално сътрудничество, Комисия на европейските общности, съобщение от Комисията до Съвета на европейския парламент, Брюксел, 2007
14. Planned learning activities and teaching methods: concept-, problem- and thesis-oriented presentation of the course content; presentations; use of active methods.
 15. Assessment methods and criteria: Assessment during the lectures and seminars, based on pre-set criteria, according to students' individual and team performance in theoretical and practical tasks and their active participation in discussions; final written examination – students write on a topic from a list of examination topics set for self-study in advance; an open-questions test. Students are informed of their grades, as well as of the lecturer's grounds for them during the lectures, the contact hours, immediately after the examination, via e-mail, on the phone. Phone numbers and email addresses are available on the university site.
 16. Language of instruction: Bulgarian
 17. Work placement: none